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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is a full and timely response to the Office action of May 8, 2006. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended and claims 2 and 16 have been cancelled. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 3-15, and 17-20 is respectfully requested.

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1. Priority

Acknowledgement of priority papers is appreciated.

2. Claim Rejections and Allowable Subject Matter

Allowance of claims 2-9, and 16-20 if rewritten appropriately is appreciated.

The applicant has chosen to amend independent claims 1 and 10 to respectively include the limitations of allowed claims 2 and 16. No new material has been introduced. Claims 2 and 16 have been subsequently cancelled.

Due to statements by the Examiner and the currently claimed combination of limitations not being taught in known prior art alone or in combination, the applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case should the Examiner concur.

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Sincerely yours,

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